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Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: Receive briefing and have discussion – no vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM #6
May 14, 2020
Discussion

Montgomery County Council

SUBJECT

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update (County Council sitting as the Board of Health)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Travis Gayles, County Health Officer and Chief of DHHS Public Health Services
Dr. Earl Stoddard, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council sitting as Board of Health to receive updates.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will receive an update on the public health data and emergency response to the COVID-19 public emergency from Dr. Gayles and Dr. Stoddard.

The following is data from the Maryland website on May 13, 2020:

Public Health
- 34,812 confirmed cases statewide compared to 34,061 yesterday (increase of 751 cases or 2.2%).
- 7,283 confirmed cases in Montgomery County compared to 7,130 yesterday (increase of 153 cases or 2.1%).
- 1,694 confirmed deaths statewide, represents 4.9% of total cases. In addition, there are 115 "probable deaths" that have not been confirmed by testing.
- 386 confirmed deaths in Montgomery County; an increase of 13 from yesterday. Represents 5.3% of confirmed cases. In addition, there are 36 "probable deaths" that have not been confirmed by testing.
- 1,550 people are currently hospitalized statewide; 978 are in acute care; 572 are in intensive care.
- 6,404 cumulative hospitalizations statewide; represents 18.4% of confirmed cases.
- 2,456 persons have been released from isolation statewide.
- 138,762 negative tests statewide. Total tests statewide is 173,574. Positive tests are 20.1% of total tests.

Statewide Demographic Data

The State provides statewide demographic data; it does not provide data by county.

Sex:	Confirmed Cases (N=34,812)	Confirmed Deaths (N=1,694)	Probable Deaths (N=115)
Male	16,600	856	51
Female	18,212	838	64
Not available	0	0	0
Race:	Confirmed Cases (N=34,812)	Confirmed Deaths (N=1,694)	Probable Deaths (N=115)
African American (NH)	11,140	691	39
Asian (NH)	689	58	5
White (NH)	7,367	704	54
Hispanic	7,483	133	6
Other (NH)	1,703	23	0
Not Available	6,430	85	11

The following is information from the Montgomery County website on the age groups for confirmed cases by age and confirmed deaths by age and race as of May 12, 2020. The rate is per 100,000 population. Data may differ from State data based on sources.

CASES MoCo Age Group	Male Count	Male Rate	Female Count	Female Rate	Total Count	Total Rate
0-17	132	106.1	131	109.9	263	108
18-49	1512	710.5	1509	681.7	3021	695.8
50-64	784	786.3	696	627.9	1480	702.9
65+	707	1080.1	876	1014.4	1583	1042.8
TOTAL	3135	624	3212	597.3	6347	610.2

DEATHS MoCo Age Group	Male Count	Male Rate	Female Count	Female Rate	Total Count	Total Rate
0-17	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-49	12	5.6	6	2.7	18	4.1
50-64	33	33.1	8	7.2	41	19.5
65+	155	236.8	159	184.1	314	206.8
TOTAL	200	39.8	173	32.2	373	35.9

MoCo Deaths	Count	Rate
White (NH)	183	40.5
Black (NH)	95	49.4
Asian (NH)	31	19.2
Hispanic	53	25.6
Other	11	0
TOTAL	373	35.9

COVID-19 Background (from Maryland.gov)
COVID-19 is a disease caused by a respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. COVID-19 is a new virus that hasn't caused illness in humans before. Worldwide, COVID-19 has resulted in thousands of infections, causing illness and in some cases death. Cases have spread to countries throughout the world, with more cases reported daily.

COVID-19 is thought to be able to spread like the cold or flu through:
Coughing and sneezing, which creates respiratory droplets
Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
Touching an object or surface with the virus on it

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
Fever
Coughing
Shortness of breath; in more severe cases, pneumonia (infection in the lungs)

The vast majority of people recover from this infection. Most people will have mild or moderate symptoms. Older people and those with pre-existing medical conditions have a greater risk for more serious illness.

Link to County Website:
https://montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/Coronavirus.html

Link to Maryland Website:
https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Health is continuing its regular briefings on the status of cases in Montgomery County and ongoing coordination and collaboration with federal, State, and local agencies and healthcare providers.